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1. REFTEL, REPEATED SECSTATE, REPORTS INTEREST OF MAJGEN BADR EL DIN, THE EQUIVALENT OF EGYPTIAN SURGEON GENERAL, TO SEND SOME QUALIFIED GENERAL SURGEONS TO BE TRAINED IN US IN VARIOUS MEDICAL SPECIALITIES. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BADR EL DIN SAID IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO HIM IF SUCH TRAINING WERE GIVEN IN US MILITARY OR CIVILIAN HOSPITALS AND THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY THE COST.

2. ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE JWG ON MEDICAL COOPERATION SHOULD FOCUS PRIMARILY ON WORKING WITH EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH, BADR EL DIN'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO BE A USEFUL INDICATION OF OUR DESIRE TO ASSIST IN UPGRADING THE STANDARD OF EGYPTIAN MEDICINE. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT DEPT WILL URGE SECDEF TO GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO HOW WE MAY RESPOND AFFIRMATEVELY. PERHAPS STATE AND/OR DHEW HELP COULD ALSO BE OFFERED IN FINDING PLACES FOR EGYPTIAN MEDICAL OFFICERS IN APPROPRIATE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITIES.

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